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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on March 23, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the drawings and to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003.

With regard to the amendments to the claims, any changes in the claims made by amendment **MUST** indicate deletions of five characters or fewer *using DOUBLE BRACKETS* if strikethrough cannot be perceived easily (i.e., deletions of punctuation marks such as the attempted deletion of a comma in line 2 of claim 4 and other occurrences in the claims listing of the abovementioned amendments).

With regard to the amendments to the drawings, replacement (formal) drawings sheets showing amended figures which include the desired changes in compliance with MPEP 1.84 **MUST** be presented, and these replacement drawings must be identified in the top margin of each sheet as "Replacement Sheet". Annotated proposed drawing sheets are optional unless required by the examiner, and if submitted, must be identified as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" in the top margin of each sheet.

Since the abovementioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703)

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308-3925.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272.

The NEW central official fax phone number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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